



## ABOUT THE NEW MISSOURI ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR REGISTRY

- ▶ By registering in the first-person consent registry, you allow the donor agency to notify your next of kin at the time of death of your decision. This will assist them in facilitating the process through a discussion about your social and medical history.
- ▶ You are encouraged to say, "Yes," every time you obtain or renew your instruction permit or driver/nondriver license so that your information remains current. You will be asked:  
"Do you authorize a symbol to be placed on your license indicating your consent to be listed as an organ, eye and tissue donor in the donor registry?"
- ▶ You may visit [www.DonateLifeMissouri.com](http://www.DonateLifeMissouri.com) to access your information, list which organs and tissues you wish to donate and specify limitations of the gift. You may amend your gift at any time.
- ▶ You are not required to have your name included in the registry to be a donor, and you can remove your name from the registry at any time. Taking your name off the registry does not mean that you cannot make a gift at the time of your death. Your agent, next of kin, guardian or designated person can act on your behalf to make the gift.
- ▶ Suspension, expiration or loss of your driver/nondriver license does not invalidate your decision.
- ▶ Registry information is shared with authorized donor agencies to determine donor status.



For more information: [www.DonateLifeMissouri.com](http://www.DonateLifeMissouri.com) | 888.497.4564

### You have the power to donate life. Register today.

Joining Missouri's **new** first-person consent organ and tissue donor registry is easy.

#### Just do one of the following:

- ▶ Visit [www.DonateLifeMissouri.com](http://www.DonateLifeMissouri.com) to register online.
- ▶ Say "yes" at the DMV when asked if you'd like to be on the registry as you renew your driver or nondriver license.
- ▶ Register by mail. Call toll-free 888.497.4564 or visit [www.DonateLifeMissouri.com](http://www.DonateLifeMissouri.com) for a registration form.

*"Because everyone deserves a second chance."*

Tom  
Smithville, MO



### Share the power to donate life with others.

Tell your friends and family about your decision to donate life and encourage them to join the registry as well.

Whether referring a friend to the Web site or organizing a registry drive, you can make a difference in many lives. To find out more about how to get involved, call **888.497.4564** or visit [www.DonateLifeMissouri.com](http://www.DonateLifeMissouri.com).

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# SHOW ME YOUR



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## Why did I join the new donor registry?

Generosity. Independence. Compassion.

Ellis Tibbs was raised on these values, so he takes them to heart. And he wants to inspire others to do the same. Ellis is an organ and tissue donor registrant. Since he joined the new Missouri Organ and Tissue Donor Registry after August 28, 2008, he knows that his decision is final, and his family won't have to make that choice for him.

*"Because this is the person I was raised to be."*

Ellis  
St. Louis, MO



## Answer the Call


At any given time, thousands of your fellow Missourians are waiting for a much-needed organ or tissue transplant. For some, a transplant is their only hope for survival. Just a single donor can save the lives of up to eight people and enhance the lives of countless others.

## Organ and tissue donation is a personal decision. And now, it's your decision.

Even if you said yes to organ and tissue donation before, you may need to say yes again. In 2008, Missouri's organ and tissue donor registry law changed. If you registered before then, a family member is still required to give final consent before donation can occur. With the new registry, your documented decision will be honored, and your family members won't be faced with that choice.

Enroll today at [www.DonateLifeMissouri.com](http://www.DonateLifeMissouri.com).

## Who needs to register again?

If you registered for donation before August 28, 2008, you will need to register again to join the new first-person consent registry. If you don't remember when you registered, check your driver or nondriver license for the  symbol. If it's there, you do not need to register again. If there is no symbol on your license but you joined online or by another means after August 28, 2008, you do not need to register again. But you *do* need to say "yes" every time you renew your license to keep your registration current.



## Who can join the registry?

Missouri citizens 18 years of age or older may join the first-person consent organ and tissue donor registry.\* Your medical condition at the time of death determines what organs and tissues can be donated, not age or chronic illness.

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\*Missouri citizens who are 17 years of age or younger may join the organ and tissue donor registry, but parents or legal guardians will remain responsible for making the final decision about organ and tissue donation at the appropriate time. The registry automatically updates an individual's age. It also updates registry status when an individual becomes 18 years of age. An individual can modify their record at any time.

## ABOUT ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

- ▶ Donation is a gift. No costs will be incurred by the donor, donor family or donor's estate for the donor's gift. Neither the donor's family nor estate will receive money for the donor's gift. All costs and expenses incurred after death and relating to donation through the recovery of the organs, eyes and tissues will be the responsibility of the donor agencies. Medical costs not related directly to donation and funeral costs are the responsibility of the donor's estate, family or other responsible party.
- ▶ It is unlawful for anyone to buy or sell organs or tissues for any reason.
- ▶ Donated organs, eyes and tissues are given to people who need them most, typically at the local level first, then the region and finally all over the country. Under certain circumstances, eyes and tissues may be sent out of the country to help patients in need.
- ▶ Recovered tissue may be used in different forms in order to help more people. For example, skin may be used to create a skin graft for burn patients.
- ▶ Donations can be limited to certain portions of the body and/or for certain purposes (therapy, transplantation or research/education).
- ▶ The hospital and the donor agency will assess your gift potential at the time of your death to make sure it is safe to use your gift for others. Please note that under Missouri Law, a donor's gift can be examined to determine the suitability for donation by persons involved in the organ or tissue donation process, including a review of the donor's complete medical record.
- ▶ If blood test results are positive for any reportable condition/disease that may affect others, the results will be sent to the Department of Health and Senior Services as required by Missouri Law.